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THE CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA.

PARTICULARS OF THE FIGHTING AT TAMARROKA.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Reuten's Correspondent, at Petro grad reports that the recent fighting nt Tumarroka was between detachments of shock battulions, who had declared against the Maximalists and local troops, with sailors and Red Guards infantity and armoured cars sent from Petrograd, and troops from Ukharkoff. The fighting lasted all day and night. There were many

casualties. The Daily Chronicle's Correspondent at Petrograd says the shock battalions numbered 9,000, including Turcomans, regular, cavalry, er gineers, and infahtry. They lef Mobileff when the Headquarters surrendered, and were proceeding to the Caucasus by the last order of General Dukhonin when they encountered the Maximalist troops near Biel-

Generalissimo - Krylenko arrived during the battle.

The Railway Union reports that but Cossack reinforcements from General Kaledin were coming up.

"DOUBTS" ARISING IN RUSSIA.

FRICTION THREATENING TO INCREASE.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

That friction threatens to increase Germans is indicated by the follow- tice with the enemy." ing telegram from the Petrograd Bolshevik Agency:-

The German Command on the Russo-German Fronts protests by wireless against the dissemination by aeroplane of leaflets signed by dent says the Japanese Embassy M. Lenin and M. Trotsky addressed confirms that Japanese troops have to workmen and soldiers calling arrived at Vladivostock, reinforcing upon them to revolt. The German the Jupanese Engineers who have Generals consider this an intervent been managing the port and the tion with the internal affairs of Trans-Siberian terminus for some Germany. The Bolshevik organ time: Pravda replies by declaring that the Russian Delegation did not promise to pull down the Bolshevik flag. Statements contained in Herr Haase's speech on the occusion of an interpellation on the subject of the demonstrations in honour of the Russian revolution and general peace have raised doubts in Russian popular circles regarding the pacific intentions of the governing classes in Germany. The Russian Bourgeois and below water and entered Trieste. Press is demanding offensive action

INCENDIARY MANIFESTO WITHDRAWN.

Reuter's Correspondent at Petro- tense fire by the enemy. grad cubling yesterday, reports that the incendiary manifesto by the Navy are ships of about 5,550 tons. The Military Revolutionary Committee cabled the previous night was withdrawn at the last moment.

A number of processions, celebrat ing the opening of the Constituent Assembly, converged at Touride Palaces outside which there was a succession of extempore meetings, but up till four o clock in the afternoon there had been no disorders. BEVOLUTIONARY COURTS.

The Polkheyik Agency announces the establishment of Revoutionaly Courts throughout Husia, consisting fields. This is cinsing assets of soldiers, salous vorsment and siew of Geman activities THE KWOMENT RECTED DE JUICE DE

SPLIT AMONG THE

A decisive split has occurred a the congress of Revolutionary Socialists between the Left and Right

RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS, ABROAD DISMISSED.

The Commissary of Foreign Affairs has issued a decree dismissing all Russian diplomats abroad who have failed to notify their consent to serve under the Soviets.

MAXIMALIST MANIFESTO TO "BROTHER COSSACKS."

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12. The Maximalists have issued manifesto to Brother Cossacks promising to hand over to them the estates of the landowners, and also an immediate armistice and peace, and urging them to arrest Generals

Kuledin and Korniloff and their associates and hand them over to the Maximulists for public trial. RUSSIA REPORTED TO BE

DEMOBILISING.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12. A German semi-official statement the shock battalions were defeated, gays that Russian demobilisation has already begun.

NEW GENERALISSIMO IN RUMANIA

LONDON, Dec. 12. The Times Correspondent at Jassy reports that General Prezan has been appointed Rumanian Generalissimo.

RUMANIA SIGNS THE ARMISTICE.

LONDON, Dec. 12. A Rumanian official communique between the Bolsheviks and the says - We have signed an armis-

> JAPANESE TROOPS AT . YLADIYOSTOCK.

LONDON, Dec. 12. The Times Washington Correspon

#### AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIF SUNK.

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Lordon, Dec. 12. An Italian official report states. Our light craft on Sunday night penetrated the obstructions above Four torpedoes were discharged and uses these statements as against two werships of the Monarcit arguments against an armistice and class. All exploded. The battleship Wiew was sunk

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## GERMANY'S ARMIES

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Mr. Henry Wood, special correspondes of the United Press with the French rmies, in an article written at th beginning of October, gives the following account of the enemy's situation regard to man-power:-

By an intensity of mobilisation that has drained Germany dry of every man-In the Matter of THE INATIONAL espable of military service, the German. fighting divisions on the French and the Russian Fronts have been practically doubled since the 1st August, 1914. ATOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Despite this gigantic effort. France, England and Russia, the three original Allies, have in every way, kept pace with the result that, at the present time, time is constantly on the increase, while on the decline. Since the beginning of the War the new Allies that have joined Bocuments of the Company and of the France, England, and Russia have far Laquidstor thereof be retained by the exceeded, in the reinforcements of troops which they have added to the Allied cause, those brought to Germany by the allies won over to her side. The definite figures and details of the latter will serve to give an idea, as well, of the proportionate growth of the Allies' fighting. forces on the two principal fronts. Or the 1st August, 1914, when Germany had mobilised to the extent that she deemed necessary to win the war, and to win it quickly, she threw on to the French and Russian Fronts 128 fighting divisions,

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constituted on a basis of four regiments to the division. By first crushing France the Yser was being fought, Germany had divisions, on the two fronts, to 137. In September of 1915, towards the close the Russian campaign, the German dis sions on the two fronts had been increased

By this time Germany began to feel the pressure on her four new divisions, and began the gradual transformation of her division to a basis of three regiments each, instead of four; the extra regiment thus saved went to constitute new divithey still have numerical superiority. In sions. Toward the middle of the attack addition it has been definitely established on Verdun, about June, 1916, all of the "that the military value of the Allied German divisions had been reduced to the armies, as constituted at the present basis of three regiments only. By this change and by a constant fine-combin that of the German army is unmistakably of the entire Empire for available men Germany was able to augment her divisions on the Eastern and Western fighting fronts to 178. The autumn and winter of 1916 witnessed Hindenburg's colossa effort at mobilisation and creation of new divisions. His plans included the incorporation of the inhabitants of Serbia, Poland, and other conquered districts As early as December, 1916, these efforts had permitted an increase in the fighting divisions of the two fronts to 208. July, 1917, at the end of the French and English spring offensive, Hindenburg had attained 234 divisions. On the 1st September, at the time Germany undertook her counter-offensives on the Russian sions had been thrown on the two fronts by the Germans egainst the 123 fighting divisions which Germany threw on to the French and Russian Fronts with the

Front, a maximum of 239 fighting divibeginning of hostilities. She now has on the two fronts 230 increase, is in he way discouraging to heavier reserve than the Japanese, yet

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Austria's mobilisation effort since the beginning of the War has been more or, with the bulk of these, and then throwing has made the big increase. "On the other less stationary. It is only Germany that them on to the Russian Front by means hand, France, England, and Russia have of her system of strategic railways, she all been able to keep individual pace with counted on a quick and complete victory. Germany. In addition, the new By November of 1914, when the battle of reinforcements brought to Garmany by Purkey and Bulgaria are set off to an extreme degree by those brought to the found it necessary to increase her fighting Entente by Italy and Rumania, apart from the help in men yet to come from the United States. As a result the Allies to-day have an ever-increasing numérical superiority, while Germany has already passed the point where she can fill up the losses now occurring in her ranks.

## GERMANY'S MAN-POWER.

The latest estimate of German effec-

tives has been presented by Mr. H. Warner Allen, who says that 4,500,000 rained men were mobilised in 1914; that 2,100,000 men were found permanently unfit; that 200,000 men of military age were abroad, and 500,000 are indispensables." Thus 2,800,000 men are to be written off the total of 14,000,000 which he accepts as the maximum of German man-power of 11,200,000 men. who were serving in 1914 or have been since called up or combed out. It is now believed that 1,869,055 were killed or missing and 2,022,320 were wounded. What proportion of the wounded may be regarded as permanently unfit is a point on which doctors differ; some" would reduce the total 4,791,875; to 4,500,000, others to 4,000,000 non-effectives. But in taking the higher rate of loss we cannot avoid the conclusion that there remain at least 5,700,000 German soldiers to be disposed of by the Entente Powers, and that at the average rate of progress (about 122,000 a month) another five years will " see us through." That is, the conclusion that would be come to upon a purely mathematical basis; yet we know that it is possible to win, and win as we like, in very considerably less. time than another five years. The moment a point is reached when the divisions. Owing to the fact that these losing side is compelled to realise that he latter are exclusively on a basis of three cannot hope to emerge from the ordeal regiments to the division instead of lour; with a sufficient show of force to deas at the beginning the figures are a mand a hearing at the peace discussion trifle deceptive. A more accurate idea is he is bound to capitulate. The arrival got by reckoning in battalions, as these of any great delest in the fleld, even have numbered approximately 1,000 men though it might not place the entire each, although it is definitely known that enemy army in such a position as to be, hundreds are now far below this number. I faced by the alternatives of surrender or On this basis Germany started her cam- destruction, would, in the concluding paign on the French and Russian Fronts, stages of such a war as the present one. with 1,512 battalions. This number has compell the State to which it belonged now been increased to 2,834. These to sue for peace on terms to be named fighting units; of course, do not take into by its adversary. The Russian army was account the millions of men sure byed in not destroyed in Manchuria, the Russians the services behind the lines. The titanic i had as many men in the field, and a far Allied military sutherities, because they the moment that the difficulties of prosehappen to know that their own creation onling that campaignit to a rene main! of new tighting units hes, it every way, I issue were realised by the Covernment. peer, equal. Ches sepects of the study peace was proposed and accepted on the Sabar to territory

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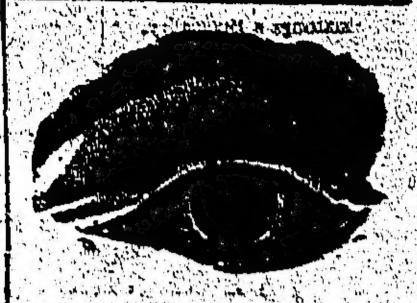
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#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

MONDAY the 17th December, 1917, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,

Des Youx Road, Corner of Tee House Street,-A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

FANCY GOODS, BRIC A BRAC, de. recently arrived from Europe and suitable for Xmas presents,

Comprising :-Bronze and Porcelain Figures and Statuettes, Vases, Hand-painted Plaques, and Ornaments, Flower Holders and Bowls, Fancy Mirrors, Clocks, Candelabras, etc., a quantity of Pinted Goods, comprising Egg Sets, Fruit Bowls, Bread Beskets, Sweet and Dessert Dishes Cruet Stands, &c., &c.

Cut-glass Bowls, Decenters, Jugs, Finger Bowls, Sweet Dishes, Fruit Stands, Cake Dishes, Liqueur Sets, &c. Mc &c

On view day of Sale. Tarms :- Cash.

HUGHES & ROUGH. Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1917.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received inestructions to sell by Public Auction. (NOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

TUESDAY. the 18th December, 1917, commencing

#### at 2.30, p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vieux Road, Corner of ICE HOUSE STREET,

TEAK WOOD AND BLACK WOOD FURNITURE, TWIN BEDSTEADS,

CURTAINS, CARPETS, PICTURES, AC. AND LARCE ASSORTMENT OF USEVUL HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

As follows :-Uphoistered Suites, Arm-chairs and Chesterfield John, Card Tables, Bedroom Furniture, comprising Double and Single Brass and Brass-mounted Bedsteads. and Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dinner Waggons, Extension Dining Tables and Obsirs, Tes and Occasional Tables, &c. Dinner Services, Crockery, Glass Ware. Sooking Stoves, Cutlery, Tollet Sets, &c. Bath Room Utennils, Roll top Deaks and Writing Tables, etc., Sundry Electro-

Pinted Ware Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Tookwood Bereens, Blackwood Furniture, including Large 4-Vold Blackwood Servens, with 5-Coloured Panels. Side Tables, &c., Engravings, Pictures, Ac., Ac., Tennis Poles and Net, Iron Bac ac

A few lots Turkish Bath Sheets. Towels, Single and Double Bed Shoets. Bed Quilte, de.,

Carpets, Brass Fenders, a lew lots Fire Brassos &c.

#### AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TIHE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

#### MONDAY,

the 17th December, 1917, at 12.30 noon at their Sales Booms, No. 8, Des Youx Road, Corner of Ice House Street, SEVERAL CASES LIQUEUR HEATHER DEW SCOTCH WHISKY, SHERRY,

VERMOUTH, &c. TRANS :- Cash.

PEACE BRANDY, ...

HUGBES & HOUGH, Auctioncers." Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1917.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

#### THURSDAY,

the 20th December, 1917, commencing at 10.30 a.m., and continuing at 9.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vosux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF TOYS,

Comprising :-Esquimesux Dolls, Teddy Bears and other Animals-Dolls (large and small); Trains, Motor Cars, Cricket Sets, Soldiers, Forts, Gun Emplacements, &c.

Footballs, Boxing Gloves, Tea Sets Furniture Sets, Games, Small Ferambulators, Seds, Xmas Trees, Air Guns and Water Pistols, Fire Works, Crackers,

On view from Wednesday, at-S-p.m. TERMs :- Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 12, 1917.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received in structions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

# SATURDAY

the 22nd December, 1917, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8," Des Voux Boad, Corner of

Ice House Street, A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF FEWELLERY.

As follows :-Diamond, Half-hoop, Marquise and Posy Rings. Gold Brooches and Scarf Pins, Gold, Silver and Rolled-gold Watches by Benson and other wellknown makers, Gold Watch Bracelets, Bangles and Charms, (French Bracelet 18-kt. gold, set with 22 Diamonds and 17 Sapphires), Silver Chronometer Watches,

Pair Binoculars, Old Roman Coin War Medals, Small lot unset Stones, Cameras, etc., etc., etc.

Altitude Barometer, etc., etc., etc.

A lady's Hair Fastener "Star and

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Auctioneers. Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1917

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FLAT in Nathan Road, Kowloom, Pour roomed houses in Kowiccu.

Mr. Henry Wood, special correspond ent of the United Press of America with the French Armies, writes:-

ALSACE STRIPPED:

PEOPLE REMOVED AND PROPERTY

CONFIBUATED.

"As far as German thoroughness can accomplish it, Alsace and Lorraine are being systematically stripped not only of their native population, but of all native-owned industries, capital, and property, in order that with the end of the War the two provinces may consist

of empty virgin territory open to

German colonization. With the outbrook of the war, Germany's first problem in the two provinces was that of the male inhabitants of into Allied or neutral countries. A total of 40,000 have succeeded in thus avoiding service in the German army. The police arrested every one whose name was on their black lists-journalists, former soldiers in the Erench army, politicians: members of French societies; in fact, fortress of Ehrenbreitstein. Many are 2 tray cloths, 30 bed jackets, 14 shrouds still there; and othershave been dispersed

and interned in various German cities... Simultaneously Germany created new crime for the inhabitants of the two provinces—that of entertaining senti ments hostile to Germany. Special courts-martial were instituted to "try these cases, and arrests, trials, and condemnations have followed ever since. Up to date these special courts-martial have imposed over 4,000 years of imprisonment. The prisons of Colmar, Mulhouse, Strasburg, Metz, and other cities are so filled with the victims that

the German military jocularly refer to each prison as an "Hôtel de France." No pretext has ever been overlooked for evacuating the general population into Germany. Villages near the Front or near the theatre of contemplated military actions are being constantly evacindustries are forced to close down all workmen are immediately sent to similar mills and factories in the interior of Germany. The net result is that the population is now almost as badly dis-

'During the early part of the War all the mills and factories were submitted to a requisition of the most rigorous nature. At first only the stocks and material of prime necessity were taken. Later all copper was requisitioned, then the belts, and finally all the machinery

#### PROPERTY WORTH 2300,000,000.

Owing to the presence of old French families in the two provinces and marriages of inhabitants of Alsace and Lorraine with French citizens, a great amount of property in the two provinces is owned in all or in part by French people. The Strasburg "Post" estimates the value of French property in Alsace and Lorraine at £300,000,000. Besides this an immense amount of capital is invested in textile factories and glass pottery, gas, and other industries. An open campaign has been begun for

on March 4, 1917, the German Government decreed the liquidation of all French-owned concerns or branch houses. The great weaving factories of Charles Mieg and Co., at Mulhouse, the salt industries of Dieuze, and the glass and crystal works of Baccarat were thus iquidated, the concerns passing into German hands. A list has just published of 250 other concerns that will be disposed of similarly, while the latest liquidation being urged in the German Press is that of the famous Wendel Steel Mills, one of the largest in the world.

"According to reliable information that resches France by way of Switzerland, Alsace and Lorraine stand stripped today to the very bone.

## TO SWAGGER OUT.

What the Germans want, says Mr. C K. Chesterton in the "lilustrated London News," can be pub in very plain and popular words; they want to swagger out Miss Loureiro) - 9 mufflers, 2 trench PROM 1st January 1918 "Glenshiel" popular words; they want to swagger out.
No. 141 THE PEAK. In first class of Belgium exactly as they swaggered in. What their apologists call the better feel-

lng in Germany is a belated attempt to manufacture a magnanimous act out of the frustration of a mean act. Even if we were forced to shandon the task, there would be no need for us to abandon the truth; and even if our human appetites necessitated (as they do not) our accept-

## BY THE POUND "Under Weight," a condition of ill-health, shows your assim-Halive powers are decreasing

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police (the blood with the anico non-ishing and healthy

# QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLE. WORK GUILD.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

CITY HALL WORK PARTY (under Mrs. Stabb) :-

Nov.lat One case to Red Cross Depot Bombay, containing :- 14 dressing gowns, 13 reversible bed jackets, 23 small pillows, 18 covers, 3 tray dioths, 18 night shirts, 40 pairs of pyjamas, 49 vests, 108 milk covers, 8 eye bandages 5 pillow-cases, 4 many tailed bandages,

washers, and 12 shrouds. Now 8th. One case to Bombay contain ing:-10 dressing gowns, 55 pairs covers, 2 surgical coats, 6 eye bandages, 6 tray cloths, 7 reversible jackets; 13 shrouds, 16 pairs of slippers, 35 vests, I dozen packs of cards, 26 pillows, scrubbers, and 12 covers.

Nov. 15th. One case to every one known to have, or suspected containing :- 99 shirts, 58 vests, 30 of having sympathics for France. Those pairs, of pyjamas, 2 reversible bed arrested were confined in a body in the jackets, I pairs of operation stockings, clothing and 8 pieces of men's clothing." 14 night shirts, 14 pairs of slippers, 14 scrubbers, 3 pairs hed boots, and a quantity of men's clothing.

Nov. 22nd. 2 cases, one for Mesopota mia and the other for Rawalpindi:-28 dressing gowns, 59 shirts, 52 vests, 15 shrouds, 46 bed jackets, 96 pairs pyjamas, 6 reversible bed jackets. many tailed bandages. I night shirt 10 small pillows, 9 doz. milk covers, 3 pairs of bed boots, 36 eys bandages, covers 6 pairs of operation socks, pairs of slippers, 18 small mosquito nets

9 large mosquito nets, and 16 washers Nov. 29th. One case to Bombay containing:-12 dressing gowns, 61 pain of pyjamas, 52 shirts, 46 vests, 2 mosquito nets, 18 shrouds, 24 milk covers head bandages, 2 pairs of bed boots pairs of slippers, 12 surgical covers 4 reversible jackets, 4 surgical shirts, 22 hed jackets, 30 pairs of socks, 3 helmets: Given to local men:-145 caps uated. When mills, factories, and-other 20 mufflers, 216 pairs of socks. Packed,

-13 white caps, 19 bed socks. "OUR LITTLE BIT SOCIETY" (under London:-Mrs. Green):--

To The Matron, Hospital Auxiliaire France: 24 White woollen belts, 5 persed as are the Armenians in Turkey. " pillows, 5 quilts, 15 pairs stretcher boots, 18 pairs white woollen bed socks, 30 white woollen caps, 60 eye bandages,

To Colonel Gordon Hall, Cairo, Egypt:-1158 rolled bandages, 5 floor cloths, 24 fignnel vests, 53 suits pyjamas 105 milk covers, 17 white woollen belts 40 white woollen caps, 3 bags swabs 30 eye bandages, 19 puzzles, 60 pairs cloth slippers, 19 pairs white woollen

bed socks, and I lot magazines. Depot, No. 2 Shed, Alexandra Dock Bombay: -2 cases containing; 6 floor cloths, 21 face cloths, 105 suits they may belong. sweaters, 2 quilts, 2 pillows, 24 milk covers, 40 knitted white woollen caps, 10 knitted khaki woollen caps, 35 cairs knitted woollen mittens, and I lot maga-

Comforts supplied locally:-7 pairs socks, 4 khaki woollen caps, 4 mufflers. cardigam jacket, 3 pocket books,

pairs knee caps. To Capt Cassel, Headquarters : 70 knitted woollen mufflers, and 50 flanne

UNION CHURCH WORKING PARTY under Mrs. Maconnebie) :-Two cases to the Argyle and Suther land Highlanders :- 144 shirts, handkerchiefs, 56 helmets, 30 caps, 59 may be possible for you to send him any mufflers, 45 pairs of knee caps, 56 pairs of the comforts for which there is a of mittens, 276 pairs of socks, 24 vests,

trench sweaters, 48 towels, resors and combination knives and forks. PARTY (under Mrs. Robinson) = 861 rolled bandages, 36 mufflers, 11 shirts, 6 pyjamas, 48 pairs of secks, 28 hand-

kerchiefs, I cap, and 2 pairs of knee Given to local troops :- 70 mufflers,

50 shirts, 100 handkerchiefs.: CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (under Societies of the Red Cross and St. sweaters, 9 pairs of socks, 8 pairs of bed socks, 9 scrubbers, 3 cotton crepe cushions, 132 food covers 6 hospital squares, 6 eye bandages, 2 many-tailed bandages 28 dozen swabs, and 1,674 rolled handages.

United Service Recreation Clue (under Mrs. Keigwin):-1,732 roller bandages 10 capelline bandages 27 stump bandages, 3 eye bandages ance of something which is not a sleep | 96 square swabs, 48 shell swabs, 500 cape, 36 balanlava helmets. 2 pair about anyone class health than their WEW caps, 36 balaclava helmets, surgical stockings. 10 pairs wool socks, own. This sort of busylfishness is not THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE (under Mrs. Jordan :- 1,270 rolled bandages, | from becoming a burden, and allow one's 32 many tailed handages 13 head self to become an invalid, is neither bandages, 5 eye bandages, 7 pairs wise ner generous

surgicul stockings, and 187 swabs. NAVAL AND DOCKYARD WORKING PARTY (under Mrs. Sandeman) 15 vests, blood. This is Ansemis too little blood, 3 priames 7 shirts, 7 mufflers, 11 pairs of socks, I cap, 2 pairs knee cups, moment you realise that new blood will 2 kelmets, 3 mops, and I pair operation | put an end to a number of ailments stockings

WHOOPING COUGHZ

sylve themberlair's Cough Hensely as Treatmenties the people it is important. may be required. This remedy will also be with no get he gestion Del Williams British tong a minute and had a second to the best better de not believe 

PEAR CEUB BANDAGING CLASS (under Mrs. Sutherland) :-

October List :- 312 rolled bundages, 52 many-tailed bandages, 13 dos gause swabs, 6 doz. shell swabs, and 10 doz. sponge awaha. Nevember List: -192 rolled bandages. 54 many tailed flannel bandages, 12 many-tailed gause bandages, and 403

KOWLOON UNITY WORKERS (under

Mrs. Young) :-To Miss Tucker, Soldiers and Sailors Help Society, The Institute, Mansfield Street, Haggerston, London S. E. -73

To Mrs. Lefroy, President of S. F. A. Society, Hoxton Branch, Maurice 34 bed jackets, 6 pairs of slippers, 15 | Hostel, Britannia Street, London N. 52 pieces of women's and children's

To Miss Wragge, Manrice Hostel, 114 Sheperdess Walk, Hoxton, London military age who succeeded in escaping pyjamas, 55 bed jackets, 14 dozen milk N.: 25 pieces of children's clothing and 38 pieces of women's and children's

To Miss Douglas, Children's Aid Society, No. 9 Motten Street, London W :- 62 pieces of children's clothing made from material supplied by the Bombay War Charities, and 14 knitted bonnets made by the members of the K. U.

> Special Cases : 12 pieces of women's The following letter has been received: by Mrs. Beckwith :-

Hospital Auxiliaire. No. 113 Honfieur, France.

MADAME,-We have just received the gift which your committee were good of snough to send us. In the name of my committee I wish to send you our sincere

Your splendid parcel of great value is much appreciated by us all. Our valiant and courageous wounded are glad to avail themselves of all these knitted things so useful in winter.

Thank you-a big thank you-to all those who have contributed to the making of all these garments. If you are able to make us bed covers, we are wanting With kindest regards,

Believe me Madame. The President (Signed) N. Rout! The Fresident, Lady May, has re-

from Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. Friary Court St. James's Palace, S.W.L.

ceived the following important letter

10th October, 19!7. Dear Lady May .- Her Majesty The Queen has seen aletter from Mesopotamia auggesting that owing to the submarine danger and the increasing difficulties of transport, organisations should be established in the East for the supply of comforts for the Troops in Mesopotamia. Many valuable consignments have been sunk in the Mediterraness and Red Sea, and it is to prevent this happening again

that the suggestion has been made, Har Majesty feels sure that the To Hon, Superintendent, Red Cross Branches of Her Guild siresdy established and doing such excellent work in the East would welcome this opportunirolled bandages, 14 pairs stretcher boots, Mesopotemian Armies to whatever race

flannel pyjamas, 45 khaki knitted The demand for help of every kind woollen mufflers, 38 white knitted grows greater as the sphere, of military woollen belts, 6 knitted eleeveless operations is extended. Motor launches, ice-machines, sode-water machines, books, gramaphones, games, clothing, hospital requisites, tohecco, sweetments and sugar, for these things and such as these the demand is increasing, and we have to look more and more to India and the East to insure that the appeal for Mesopotamia is not made in vain.

'Her Majesty desires me to make known to you Her earnest hope that Her Branches may be willing to concentrate their efforts on the supply of such comforts and necessaries as I have mentioned above for the soldiers in Meso-

I am asking Major A. I avis, who directs the activities of the Red Cross in Bombay, to keep you informed as to what articles are most needed : and if it demand at the present time, it will be a source of great satisfaction to Her

Lists of contributions can be setn to WESLEYAN CHURCH WORKING | me at Friery Court, as it will always be a matter of interest to Her Majesty to follow the work of all Her Branches in

I am arranging that all gifts for the troops shall be sent on from Bombey to the depots already established in Mesopotamia for providing comforts for combatants. Hospital requisites will be distributed through the joint

John of Jerusalem.

Yours sincerely, (Signed) ANNIE LAWLEY. Hon. Sec.

## NEVER NEGLECT YOUR

ILLS.

There are many people, including most 6 mops, 39 scrubbers, and 4 mufflers. really kind; it is not right. A person in bad health is always a burden in some: way or another. To save others

Science shows that nine tenths of the Ila which afflict mankind and women especially, art due to poor and thin and blood that is not good from the rkieumatism, nervous weakness, indigestions bloodlesness, and the headaches and backsches of the fair sex you know Terit is well known and proved that De Williams pink pills for paid people cough be careful to keep the blood, and this blood, the richest and

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THE LAWLESSNESS IN

KWANGTUNG.

on either side to surrender or

our issue last night on the authority

of the Intelligence Bureau at Canton

attitude of the South-West provinces.

however slight, as doing so will

would be enforced and essected and

tion would be safeguarded by good

that nowhere in China probably is

there more lawlessness than exists to-

day in the province of Kwangtung.

There have been many evidences

'independent", régime. A. few days

ago a village near Samchua was

raided by one of the numerous gangs

of bandits which roam over the

province. Among the places raided

was a kerosine stere, the stock-in-

trade being taken to saturate the

houses in the village before setting

them on fire. The bandits carried off

some thirty of the inhabitants, intend-

ing to hold them for ransom; but

this number apparently proving

inconveniently large, they shot eight

back ten to the village. Our Canton

correspondent in some recent notes

on a trip to Weichow from Canton

drew a deplorable picture of the

lawless conditions prevailing in that

part of the province. The control of

that the people in the country were

the people in the city were afraid

to go into the country. This state

of affairs is not edufined to a small

area, but extends apparently through-

out the province. Travel is unsafe and

trade must be suffering greatly. Laws

government..

But the truth is

The

Mail.

## To-day's Advertisements

NIPPON YUSEN, KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FINE Consignees, of Cargo from Europe per the Company's

steamship, "MISHIMA MARU,"

are hereby notified that as this steamer had an outbreak of fire on board while she was off the Canary Islands on 27th October, 1917, on her way to the East, it has been decided that the damage sustained and the expenditures incurred therefrom shall form a subject for Average contribution. Conaignees are therefore requested to sign.
Average Bond at this office and to fill in Valuation Forms which may be suppliedapon application, as well as to pay to the ship's agents a deposit of ONE per cent. (1%) of the market value of their respective consignments, before taking delivery of their goods, on ship's arrival here on Thursday, the 13th instant. NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Agents. Hengkong, Dec. 13, 1917.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE Company's Steamship,

"MISHIMA MARU," having arrived Consigness of Cargo ar hereby informed that their Goods || ar being landed and placed at their risk in Gonows Company's Gonowas at Kowloon. where each consignment will be serted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be carried on unless

instructions are given to the contrary be- the lives and property of the populafore Noon, To-DAY. Goods not cleared by the 20th December, 1917, will be subject to rent. Godewas for examination by the Con-

Demaged Packages must be left in the and the 'Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and All claims must be pr sented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1917.

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## THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Prince Albert's birthday (1895). 2.30 p.m. - Auction of Household

Furniture, etc. at Messra Hughes and Hough's. 5.17 p.m.-New Moon.

## GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SATURDAY, Dec. 15:-General Holiday. 2.15 p.m. - Cricket on H. K. C. C. Ground : Club v. University. TURDAY, Dec. 18:-

2.20 p.m. - Auction of Furniture, the river traffic he reported to be Blackwood Ware, Pictures, Househeld Goods, etc. at Mesers. Hughes and Hough's.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19:-1 p.m.-Army v. Navy Cricket Match on H.K.C.C. ground.

TRUESDAY, Dec. 20:-Prince George's hirthday (1902). 10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.-Auction of Toys, Xmas Trees, Crackers, etc. at Measts. Hughes and Hough's.

FRIDAY, Dec. 21;

MONDAY, Dec. 24:-General Holiday.

MORDAY, Dec. 31 :--

HOPE BOX 7

TURNAY, Dec. 25 :-Christmas Day: General Holiday. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26 :--

Boring Day ; General Holiday. FLIDAY, Dec. 28:-5.46 p.m. Total Eclipse of the Moon. 5.52 p.m - Fall Moon

fulminating about the sanctity of laws and the perpetual disorder which. (Reuter's Service to the China Mail.) will arise from their infraction. I Kwangtung and the other provinces of the South West could show under their "independent" regime a record of good government and sound control them would deserve and policy was involved in the change command respectful attention for of Cubinet. The desputch of troops their manifestos, but the fact patent by China to the European front had to all men in China is that whereve. the Revolutionary party are in control there will be found chaos and disorder and consequent insecurity of life and property, revealing their incapacity to govern.

defenders of the Revolution" are

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL:

Telegraphic communication between Shanghai and Paking has been

Saturday, the 15th December, being a General Holiday, the Post Tre does not desire to re-enter politics. Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. There will be one delivery of ordinary to the President direct that the discorrespondence and one collection of solution of the National Council and THERE does not seem much prospect of an early cessation of the internecine Money Order Offige will be, entirely are essential conditions of speace. strife in China, for there is little closed.

evidence at present of a disposition We are informed that, as even to compromise. We gave in Thanksgiving for the surrender of Jerusalem, a solemn Te Deum will be sung at the Catholic Cathedral what is represented as the inflexible this evening (Thursday, the 18th) at 5.30 p.m., followed by the Bene-"The South West," it tells us, "can." diction of the Blessed Sacrament: not sanction the breach of the Pro-Bishop Pozzoni will officiate, and all visional Constitution in any part, Catholics are invited to attend.

render the future laws of the country unsafe, and subject the Republic. to An Indian is going about among perpetual disorder." One would business firms saying that he is expect from the high moral tone of authorised to collect money for these communications from the Insports to be given in aid of wounded telligence Bureau of Canton, that the soldiers at the Front, on Boxing Day, serve as a model for the rest of should be handed over to the Police China-that in this territory laws if caught.

The statutory and the first ordinary general meeting of the Far Eastern Insurance Co., Ld., were held at No. 1 The Bund, Shanghai last week. There were present: Messrs. Edward L. Ezra (Chairman), H. E. Arnhold, E. T. Byrne estimated at about 400 Cantonese and V. Meyer, Directors; Mr. W. S. Jackson, General Manager; Mr. H. H. lately close to the frontiers of this Read. Secretary; and shareholders killed. Colony of the deplorable state of representing a total of 15,489 shares. disorder into which the country has The company commenced business on been allowed to lapse under the November 1st.

of Union Church, gave an interesting not participated in the fighting up to lecture on Tennyson last night in the the time the mail left. "." Church Hall, Kennedy Road, illustrating her remarks by quotations from the duce the first paragraph of the compoet. Miss McCubbin sung Tennyson's Tears, idle tears ": Mrs. David Wood, Crossing the Bar." A quartette, "Sweet and Low," was sung by Miss McCubbin, Mrs. Wood, Mr. Allen and Mr. Maconschie, and Mr. C. Hickling of them by the roadside and seat read Tennyson's "The Revenge."

It is now declared that there is now no doubt that the wireless telegraphy contract made by the Chinese Minister of the Navy with the Danish firm of Larsen & Co., involves a large extension in Chins of the German conditions at Weickow we are told Jordan, the British Minister, has demanded from the Chinese Government Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement aimid to come into the city and that the contract should be cancelled.

## UNNECESSARY WORKS.

TATHY waste words and advertising President Woodrow Wilson's birthday like the opium and gambling laws points of merit in Chamberlaids Cough Cough Remedy in Balm is promptly applied. It is an are openly defied and indeed Benedy! The most festidious acc setisfied when we state that it cures deliberately broken by the in- colds and coughs from any cause and dependent raises of the province, or is jurious substances. For sale by all It is from such a centro that the Chomists and Statescopers

#### PATAL ACCIDENT IN THE TYPHOOR CHINESE AFFAIRS.

CHINA AND THE GREAT WAR.

PERING. Dec. 12. French Minister, Lung Chen Chang, on the 21st November last necessarily been delayed, but would owner of the launch." be carried out later.

#### THE PROPOSED ARMISTICE IN CHINA

PEKING, Dec. 12. The Mandate ordering an armistice has been held buck for reasons which have "not been disclosed. The reported foreign intervention is contradicted.

SEEKING A SETTLEMENT.

PEKING, Dec. 12.

Special messengers have been went by both the President and Premier to Li Yuan Hung, the ex-President, who is residing at Tientsin, appealing to him to undertake to mediate balween the North and South, but he declines, saying that

Luk Wing Ting has telegraphed letters from the pillar boxes. The the early reassembly of Parliament He makes no other demands but recommends. Mok Wing Sun as acting Tuchun of Canton.

"The President has telegraphed Li Shub instructing him to proceed with the peace negotiations. He at the same time telegraphed to two Northern Tuchuns ordering them to prepare for fighting.

General Wong Jim Yuen has telegraphed to Peking that negotiations for peace in Hunan have beer arranged.

## FIGHTING AT SWATOW.

News received by mail territory which the leaders of the by Queen's College on their ground Swatow to-day states that the South West claim to control would at Causeway Bay. We are advised Cantonese troops made a surprise the HONGKONG & Kowloon While Is be governed in a way which would that the youth is an imposter, and attack on Swatow at 2, a.m. on the

Northern troops hold the railway station but the line to Chowchowfu has been cut, and so also is the water supply to Swatow.

The fighting was around the rail way station, and the attack on Monday which was made by a force was stated to be repulsed, about thirty of the attacking force being

The banks of the city are closed and business is practically at a stand-Plenty of bullets are flying

There are three so-called Northern Mrs. Maconachie, wife of the pastor warships in the harbour but they had Hall, and Chesh Toon Lock.

In this connection we may repromunication we received yesterday from the Intelligence" Bureau Canton, viz: An expeditionary force to Fukien to oust the Northerners there left Canton recently, marching overland. To day another force, escorted by a portion of the Chinese Navy, is sailing for a place still undisclosed." Can this be Swatow?

#### CANADA AND CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

Word has just been received from the Deputy Minister of the Interior that on July 25, 1917, the Senate and House of largely in the hands of armed Telefunken system which has been ment to the Chinese Emigration Act bandits, who rob and pillage where already established at Kalgan, Peking, admitting the following two classes free. Wheeler, L. E. S. Hodge, L. J. Black the 18th, inst. Leave Blake Fier 9 a.m. viz. clergymen and students going to rafe transport has not been secured Chefoo, Hankow, Shanghai and Foochow. Canada for the purpose of securing a burn, F. E. Joseland, A. de Sousa, by payment of substantial sums to It is asserted that Mr. Laren, under the higher education. Formerly students E. Lindsell, and J. Stalker. the robber guilds, "the Government guise of the Danish firm of Larsen & were required to deposit G.\$500, and although this could be refunded later, it being too weak and helpless to Company, is really acting as the agent was practically probibitive. Very few of Siemens, Schukert, who are to supply students went to Canada, and the greater suppress the robbers." Of the the money and materials. Sir John The repeal of the obnoxious legislation is was learned from the cinema.—Sir R. the result of a long-continued agitation. and as soon as China entered the was it was seen that the last barrier was removed. It will take some time before intending students throughout the 18 education of the whole man and not provinces hear of the new openings in entirely the raising of a bookworm. Canada, but as soon as they do, there Mr. H. A. L. Fisher. will be at least some who desire a British education and will go to Lanada to obtain it .- N. C. Dally News.

> THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE. the world to-day hecause it does exactly what a cough medicine is sup-Chomists and Store Less

## REFUGE.

Acoronor's onquiry was held this afternoon iuto the circumstaneos touching the death of a Chinese boatwoman who was drowned during a collision between the launch Shun Tai and the deceased's Replying to inquiries made by the boat at the Yaumati Typhoon Rafuge

administration" the Revolutionary Minister of Foreign Affairs, stated deceased was one of three persons organisation which is assumed to that no change of China's foreign drowned as a result of the accident. Mr. Wood acted as Coroner. Mr. Beavis appeared to watch the case on behalf of the corswain and the

her body.

evening of November 21st the launch same process. Shun Tai left Hongkong for Yaumati. It was then very dark and cloudy. He being fixed at \$2000. was steering the launch, which had ou board between forty and fifty passengers. Before he entered the Yaumati shelter he sounded a blast of the whistle and then the launch moved into the shelter at about quarter speed. It was then that he saw an object about 100 feet away from the launch. He steered the stolen. launch to port-sid to avoid the object. He did not know whether the object was moving or stationary, but the object

showed no lights. It was only when the hunck was 20 to 30 feet away that he discovered the object to be a boat, but at the time collision was unavoidable. He did not notice any person on board but heard cries of "save life" when the made for the people. He ordered the iron fencing. seamen to throw overboard lifebuoys

about twenty minutes the launch con not wish to prosecute. tinued on her way to the pier. When the accident to the Police.

Coroner said no bisme could be attached own use. to the crew of the launch and that the collision was purely the result of an accident. The enquiry was then closed.

## SPORTING.

CRICKET.

in the above friendly game on the Club struck him. ground on Saturday, 15th inst. com-Capt. Dewar R. N., F. W. S. Evans, Capt. E. H. Gray, H. E. Hollands, P. Jacks, M. M. Mass, Major Mayhew. Lieut. McConnell, Lieut. H. E. Murray, and F. Syme Thomson

The following will represent the University :- A. R. Rumjahn (Capt.) . G. Marley, R. A. Ponsonby Fane, K. Brayshay, J. M. Jack, F. A. Redmond, W. Gittins, J. D. Wright, D. K. Samy, G.

## FOOTBALL

match between the H.K. Defence Corps and a team from the Middlesex commencing at 4 p.m.

The H.K.D.C. team is :- Goldenberg Cave and McCobbin; Chassell, Stewart and Rodgers; Wood, Gereard, Irving. Mactavish and Ralston.

## LEAGUE CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. C.R.C.

This league match will be played on Saturday lat Couseway Boy at 2 p.m. K.C.C. Team :- J. P. Bobinson, P. Cobb. R. Penstonji, A. A. Claxion,

Bishop of Birmingham. Public education to be good must be

A GERM DESTROYER THERE is no danger whatever from lock isw or blood poison resulting

the largest selling cough medicine i sutiseptic and deslroys the germs which post to do. It stope convine and coice in one third the time required by the speedily and effectually a Por sale by well treatment You sale by all Chemise Lai Burnkespets

# THE MAGISTRACY.

ALLEGED FRADULENT OPIUM LABELS.

The case was resumed this morning in which a licensed opium dealer of Tai O. New Territory, was charged with the illegal possession of 12 labels resembling those used by the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Office in connection with government opium.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the

Evidence was given by Mr. L. L. The husband of the decessed gave' Kavier, manager of the Hongkong evidence. He stated that the last time Printing Press, who deposed that his he saw his wife was on his mother's firm prints opium labels for the boat on the 20th November. He learnt Superintendent of Import and Exports. of her death the next day from the The labels found in the defendant's Police who called on him to identify possession were shown him and he ships and aft. The principal dimensions found some of them were imitations. are:-The coxswain of the launch Shun Tai He detected the imitation by the differ-

The case was again adjourned, bail Depth Moulded to Awning .

THEFT OF WIRE NAILS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of a quantity of wire nails, reasonably suspected to have been

Defendant pleaded not guilty. He stated that he picked the nails from heap of sweepings on board a steamer. His Worship did not believe th man's story and sentenced him

fourteen days! hard labour.

NOBODY'S PROPERTY!

A Chinese was charged before M: collision took place. The launch was Dyer Ball this morning with the immediately stopped and a search was unlawful possession of a quantity of and 20 fans, on the double wire system-

and to render any assistance that might feneing had been taken from a house in being of pine. be required. One of the sailors jumped Queen's Road Central. The owner, he into the water, but his search was fruit had been told, had left for Canton, but less. After remaining at the spot for it was his opinion that the owner did cabins the fittings being of teak. The

the launch was safely berthed witness liencing from a house which had been windows and double doors at front and went to the Police station and reported burnt out recently. As it did not sides, together with a skylight on boat appear to be owned by anybody he deck, will ensure a cool and pleasant After further svidence was taken the thought he could appropriate it for his table. A cabin-de-luxe having all con-

remanded the case until to-morrow.

THEFT OF A CAT.

A dirty and unkempt Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball morning with the theft of a cat.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. stated that he set traps for wild eats and not for domestic ones. It was not his fault that the cat was ensuared. The following will represent the Club slieged that the owner of the snimal

Inspector O'Sullivan stated that the mencing at 12 noon :- G. E. Aubrey. est had one of its legs badly injured by: the trap. The trap was a big and ugly affair and large enough to hold a man. Mr. Dyer Ball in sentencing the defendant to three months' hard labour and four hours' stecks, remarked the prisoner thoroughly deserved the thrashing for his callous indifference to the injuries inflicted on the poor animal.

## RELEASED.

sentence him to a severe flogging.

The elderly Chinese who was charged with sending a threatening letter to Mr. H. P. Winslow, Manager of the Kow loop section of the Canton-Kowloon Regiment will be played on Saturday. Railway, demanding the sum of \$5,000. was released this morning, the Police being unable to proceed with the case.

## HONGEONG POLICE RESERVE

MUSKETRY COURSE, PART 1.

Yvanovich, 648 Silas, and all members one vertical duplex pump for the oil will attend the range on Sanday next, Chief Inspector Sirder Khan, Inspectors Alves, Silva Netto, C. M. S. Alves, ship, all necessary connections for the Riberio and Botelho will attend as regis efficient and economical handling of the ter-keepers.

PARADES CENTRAL, 5.80 P.M. Mondayy 17th December-Nos. 3 and Platoons, (No. 2 Company) Tuesday, 18th December-Nos, 5 and Platoons, (No. 2 Company). Wednesday, 19th December-No.

peny and Ambulance Platoon, (nucer own Chief Inspector). inspected by the Musketry Officers im-

PATROL DUTIES. Balm is promptly applied. It is an will send all duty lists to this office, and per hour is anticryated, the ressei carry surject and desiroys the germs which not to the regions Police Stations direct ing her guaranteed desired carry carse these distances. It also causes Stations will be adviced from this office. wounds to beal without materialism and only. This does not apply to Halloout F.O. Janua D.S.P. B.

#### HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY.

The Court of the Property of the Court of th

ANOTHER STEAMER LAUNCHED.

At Kowloon Docks yesterday after noon there was launched a new vessel for the Siam Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., Bangkok. As the vessel moved . off Mrs. R. M. Dyer gracefully porformed the christening coremony naming the vessel Sudhalib.

The dimensions and particulars of the vessel are as follows:-

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

The "Sudhadib" is a steel single scraw steamer of the Awning Deck type with raised fore deck, boat deck amid-

Breadth Moulded ...... 35 it. 6 ins.

Deck ..... 20 ft. 0 inc. Depth Moulded to Main Deck ...... 13 ft. 0 ins.

A cellular double bottom extends fore and aft. and is divided into six tanks, two for oil cargo, one for oil fuel and three for fresh water. The forward and after peak tanks are also used for fresh water. The cargo arrangements, are most up to date, five derricks of 5 tons and 15 tons lift working the forward hold and tween deck, and two dernicks of 2 tons for the after hold. Two eargodoors and two coaling doors are fitted on each side in the tween deck. The auxiliary machinery consists of six steam winches, steam windlass, steam and hand steering gear, and a dynamo of twelve k.w. operating approximately 180 lights Provision is made in the tween deck for Inspector Browne stated that the carrying 220 head of cattle," the stalls

Accommodation for 24 first class. passengers is provided in up-to-date saloon is handsomely furnished, sma Defendant stated that he picked the tables, overhead fans, large rectangular veniences is situated on the after part of After forther evidence His Worship the midship boat deck. The privacy of this suite of rooms will be specially

attractive to the interport business man-The Captain, Engineers, and Officers are well catered for in large and siry this rooms on the navigating bridge and awning deck. The second class and He stewards are berthed in the forecastle. the seamen, firemen, shin-chew and kranies, tally clerks, and junior officers He in a large house aft on the awning deck

and in the after tween decks. The life-saving appliances, teak lifeboats, &c., are as required by the Board of Trade for a first class passenger certificate for about 500 saloon and deck passengers and crew. The carrying espacity of the "Sudhadib" will be approximately 1,000 tons on the freeboard as awarded by Lloyds, to which Society's Rules and Regulations for the highest class, 100 Al, the vessel has been constructed.

The bale stowage provided in the He regretted he had no power to holds and tween decks is 72,000 cubic

PARTICULARS OF MACHINERY.

The vessel will be propelled by one set of triple expansion surface condensing engines driving through forged steel shafting a bronze propelled. The cylinder dimensions are H. P. 17." dia. . P. 27" dia., L. P. 44" dia., with # common stroke of 30", and the engines throughout are of the latest design. The auxilary machinery comprises, one Weir Feed Pump and Weir direct contact feed water heater working in conjunction with the feed pumps and feed water filter on the main engines; one large centrifugal pump for circulating water through the main condensor, one Staff: Inspectors Watt and Taylor. vertical duplex donkey feed pump, and ! No. 2 Platoos who have not yet fired, service, steam and hand steering gear, and one steam driven dynamo for supplying light throughout the whole engines are provided.

Steam is generated in two single ended boilers 12'0 internal diameter by 10' 6' long over end plates, constructed to British Board of Trade and Lloyd's Thursday, 20th December No. 3 Com- repuirements for a working pressure of 190 lbs. per sq. inch. Rech boiler has Friday, 21st Lecember-No. I Platoon. two large corrugated furnaces fitted Rifles of Nos. I and 2 Platoons will be with arrangements for burning oil fuel. mediately after the fall in and before ! The speed that will be progressive

and full speed, the latter of 6 hours duration, a mean speed of 104 knote

nearing completion on the state.

# THE WESTERN FRONT.

THE CAMBRAI FRONT,

Loxuon, Dec. 12. Reuter's Correspondent at Head quarters, telegraphing to-day, says the comparative full continues on the Cambrai front. Favoured by dry, cold weather both sides are busy aligging and wiring and generally improving their respective positions. A sound of heavy shelling comes from the vicinity of Bullecourt and Lagnicourt, the significance of which it is at present impossible to say.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Field Masshal Sir Douglas Haig reports :-- ?

Weesuccessfully mided last night The the neighbourhood of Pontruet. north-west of St. Quentin-

" We repulsed a local attack "northward of Ja Vacqueries

# CAMBRAI.

SEARCHING INQUIRY JEMANDED.

Jose Lospos, Dec. 12. The Times urges a prompt and searching enquiry into the reversal of fortune at Cambrai. It says Six Douglas Haig possesses the undiminished confidence of the army and notion, but his position largely Alepends upon the choice of his subordinates. His weakness, if it be weakness, is in the inveterate devotion of those serving him longest, some perhaps too long.

#### BRUGES DOCKS AGAIN BOMBED.

Loxpon, Dec. 12.

The Admiralty announces that Naval aircraft on Monday night dropped many tons of bombs on Costacker aerodrome and Bruges docks. The results at the former place were difficult to observe, but z fire was started at the Bruges docks.

All our machines returned.

## AEROPLANE LOSSES.

Pondon, Dec. 12. German official announcement, received by wireless, states: The enemy lost in November 22 balloons and 205 seroplanes, 85 of which fell behind our lines. We lost 60 aero-

## RAW MATERIAL AFTER THE WAR.

planes and two balloons.

A WARNING TO THE ENEMY.

London, Dec. 12. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law uttered a warning to our enemies that the longer the war lasted the less raw material there would be to go round, and as the bargaining, desiring to fulfil their obliga-'Allies would help themselves first, the less there would be for Germany.

# COMMENTS ON MR. ASQUITH'S

LONDON, Dec. 12. The interest with which Mra 'Asquith's speech was awaited reflected in the comments of the newspapers which are relieved find that he did not support Lord Lansdowne, though some take exception to his explanation of the latter's

The Times, which accuses Lord Lausdowne of deliberately stabbing the Government in the back, says it is exceedingly glad that Mr. Asquith is firm against all temptation to may not be strictly historical, but the support it.

The Daily Chronicle says: Nobody who appreciated the straightness and devil's the matter with you? Asthma? consistency of Mr. Asquith's statesmanship could have expected recentation of the principles he defined when he held office.

has given the most precise considered for the army. Bosh! Absolute bosh! declaration of war aims yet made by any-European statesman.

The Daily Telegraph, says: The speech shows that the resolution of the British people is utterly unmoved by the recent German military

#### PORTUGAL'S PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

The President of the Republic has been arrested bwing to his refusal to

#### BRITISH ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM.

#### GENERAL ALLENBY'S REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 12. In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George read a telegram from General Allenby announcing that entered Jerusalem on foot on the 11th instant. Guards were placed round the Holy Places but Mosque &f Omar was placed under Mahommedan control.

#### CERMAN HYPOCRISY.

WHY JERUSALEM FELL

Амятипрам, Dec. 12.

A "German semi-official statemen allinits that the "evacuation derusalem was involuntary, leclares that the reason why the prevent "ground sucred to all Godfearing peoples becoming the scene he did not understand it to convey. of bloody fighting.! It adds that THE REVERSAL OF FORTUNE AT the town is militarily worthless.

> that the Germans co-operating with the Turks have more respect for the sanetity of holy places than have the Germans in the French and Belgian theatres of

#### MEAT RESTRICTION AT HOME:

TO COVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

LONDON, Dec. 12. It is officially announced that Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller, has restricted the retail sale of meat for the four weeks ending January 13th to the extent of the sales for the

#### THE HALIFAX CALAMITY.

four weeks prior to October 27th.

A GIFT OF £1,000,000.

LONDON, Dec. 12. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that "the Government had sent a message of sympathy to Halifax and had also raide a gift of £1,000,000 to the relief fund.

## GREECE'S 300,000 MEN

POWERFUE AID IN THE BALKA . IN THE SPRING.

By his courage, eloquence, and the proofs he had brought of King Constantine's guilt, M. Venizelos had greatly improved his position, said Professor Ronald M. Burrows, lecturing at "King's College on "Greece as an Ally." Greek Minister presided and the Serbian Minister was on the platform.

Professor Burrows declared that matters were improving in Greece. nation had joined the Allies without tions to others. In the letter received recently it was stated that eight out of every ten possibles had been recruited, making up a force of from 110,000 to 120,0000 men. It was hoped by the spring that Greece would have an army of 303,000 men, which would form a useful contribution, especially when it was remembered they could stand the Balkan

climate, and knew the Bulgarians. M. Venizelos had come into a position of many difficulties, both with regard to finance and foodstuff. Greece was not too well off, and it was important, to only as a matter of policy, for this country to see to it that the alliance with her meant abundance and not

> men to fight for us, and had given the greatest and straightest statesman in Europe to the Allies' cause.

The story of a Berlin Medical Board which is told in the "New Statesman" margin of error must not be exaggerated :-

A recruit enters. President of the Board (to the recruit): "What the Cannot breathe ! Bubbish ? Our Hindenburg is asthmatical. Passed fit!

second recruit: "Why do you keep your left arm like that? Lift it up, you The Daily News says; Mr. Asquith, swine up! It's withered. You can't lift it. And so you think you're uselers Our Kaiser has a withered arm. Passed

A third recruit enters. President to third recruit: "What's this, sergeant the enemy and pacifist propagands. A What's be jibbering for ! Insane ! Useless for the army ! Ridiculous ! God in heaven! isn't our Orown Prince Passed fit! March! . . . The Board will adjourn for lunch."

## THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

TATATUH the children's colds and oure VV them before they weaken the vitality. Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely. It is perfectly eafer. It. has been tested by chemists and pro nounced free from injurious substances and costs but a trifle. For sale by all

Chemists and Storakespers

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### MR. ASQUITH ON OUR WAR AIMS.

" LONDON, Dec. 12. Mr. Asquith, speaking at Birming ham, said : History would ask : it worth Great Britain's while to enter the war! He answered undoubtingly and unhesitatingly "Yes, only provided the war ended in a peace securing the attainment in itself of the safeguards of its own permanence." Such a peace had become the workl's supreme need and there was no greater enemy humanity than anyone who, by word or act, made it more difficult to achieve. After affirming that he had nothing to take away from his recent speeches at Leeds and Liverpool regarding Britain's bombed it. All returned. his recent, address to Congress had arrived by the same route at practically the same conclusion, Mr. Asquith referred to Lord Lansdowne's letter. He paid a tribute to Lord Lansdowne's patriotism, and declared that he had no more knowledge than any member of the Government of the letter until bility whatever for its terms. He exfell was the Turco-Cherman desire to pressed the opinion that much of the criticism of the letter arose from reading into it meanings and intentions which

He thought that Lord Lansdowne's main argument was that the Allies, is moderate reciprocal artillery ectivity while carrying on the war vigorously, on the greater part of the Front He this is not hypogrisy it suggests should endeavour to make it increasing ly clear that our war aims were rational and unselfish : that these were the sime for which we entered the war, and that by attaining them we were convinced that we might look for a durable peace. safeguarded by the conjoint authority

of an International League. In the words of President Wilson, the aim was to bring into effective existence that partnership, not merely of Governments, but of peoples, which must henceforth guarantee the world's peace. Even now there was abundant evidence that the enemy peoples were kept in the dark regarding our real purposes, both for war and peace. would continue to do what he could to raise the veil and let in, if possible, some

rays of light -- (Cheers).

Mr. Asquith recalled his declaration at the Guildhall in November, 1914, that we would not sheathe the sword until the military domination of Prussis is wholly and finally destroyed.—(Loud cheers). He emphasised our agreement with President Wilson's declaration that nobody threatened the existence, independance and peaceful enterprise of Germany. None of the Allies sought to prescribe the internal constitution and arrangements of the future of Germany. What we were concerned with was the system which enthroned force as the sor ereign authority, which held itself free in pursuit of its supposed interests to falsify, deride or supersede, according to the exigencies of the hour, the most solemn pacts. This system must end. Germany must learn, as I believe she is learning, that as a matter of business, apart from sentiment and ethics, the system does not pay .- (Loud cheers). We do not have and do not desire to heve any quarrel, internecine and perpetual, with the German nation. We acknowledge the contribution they have made, and we believe will continue to make to the common stock of knowledge, research, invention and material and intellectual resources. But if there is to be a real enduring pact it must be something more than paper documents. Another

misconception is that the Allies, especially Britain, are siming at destruction for their own political and economic objects of what is vaguely and Germans. called "the freedom of the seas." peace time the seas are open to the marine of all nations. What stipulation would Britain propose in the peace terms to curtail or fetter that immemorial right? That formula can only be used to indicate a new limitation in war time pon the belligerent rights of a Power which happens to command the sea-No corresponding limitation is suggested for a land war. Where existing conventions of the most solemn character whether something ought not to be done to secure freedom of the seas from the prosecution of a lawless and infamous. submarine campaign with its ruthless. sacrifice of innocent life. No peace will. Greece had already produced 60,000 be worth the name which permits a veiled war to be carried on by other methods. He endorsed the words of President Wilson "to bese peace on generosity and justice."

## ANOTHER PRENCH SENSATION.

PROSECUTION OF M. CAILLAU UNDER CONSIDERATION.

A second recruit enters. President to Chamber that the Military Governor of whose hearts have been moved by close of tilized by systematic dyking to raise all Paris has bequested the immediate with and painful proximity to the sufferings of the low-lying area and so make it drawal of M. Caillaux's parliamentary

> the prosecution of ex-Premier Caillaux. who is accused of treason, dealings with committee will be appointed to decide whether he shall be tried by court martial or the Senate

sconed of dealings with the enemy. is alleged he met the ex-Khedivo Egypt in a neutral country.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

Silver is quoted at 424d, per comos. The market is quiet

# THE WESTERN FRONT.

## AIR-RAID ON GERMANY.

LONDON Dec 12. eporting an aviation, says: The enemy's machines were particularly active on Monday westward of Cambrai, repeatedly attacking our artillery and machines.

Our machines dropped many bombs public questions until suddenly aroused and fired many machine gum rounds at by some new assertion of prepotent villages butments and trunches. Three nature's right to penulize the progressingvillages, hutments and trunches. Three of ours are missing.

Our machines in fine weather this morning started for the purpose of But this time with a difference. Where being certain factories in Germany, before they have this time very boldly but found that their objective were and badly hit the foreigner, and because obscured by clouds. Seeing a clar gap north-east they proceeded thither and further recognised a large railway june-

SUCCESSFUL RAID BY SHER-WOOD FORESTERS

The Sherwood Foresters made a successful raid in the afternoon west ward of Hulluch, taking a number of prisoners. A hostile raiding pany, was was published and he had no responsi- repulsed, early in the morning southward of Armentieres.

THE FRENCH ERONT.

A French communique says;-There

COLLISION BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES.

LONDON, Dec 12. Renter's Correspondent at Petrograd. telegraphing last night, says the Hilitary Revolutionary Committee has invited the people to demonstrate tomorrow with inflammatory watchwords. The outlook is most eminous.

The Maximalist organ Presada announces that the first, collidon between the Maximalists and 4,000 General Korniloff's followers has taken floods deposited ten feet of sund over place with machine guns near Bielagorod. No result is given. "

It is stated that Black Ses naval letachments accompanied delegations sent to General Kaledin, who srrested one of the delegations. General Kaledir has issued a stern warning against the Black Sea naval men interfering with the autonomy of Cossack territories.

#### THE CAPTURE OF JERUSILEM.

LONDON, Det 12. To-day's celebrations, of the capture of Jerusalem included & Te Doum at St. Paul's Cathedral, which his never been so crowded at az unofficial service since the war began. 🗼 🗼

A special service was held at Liverpool in the Central Synagogue and there was ringing of bells at the Roman Catholic Church at Taunton

A GERMAN VIEW. .-

A message from Amaterdam states the "Kolnische Volkusitung" admits that the capture of Jerusalem is a great moral British victory.

" PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

CLEARED OF THE ENEMY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. The Republic of Panama has declared war upon Austria-Hungary and Austrians have been interned Canal zone is now cleared of Austrians

#### THE FLOODS OF NORTH CHINA.

[From "The Far Eastern Beriew."] Vast areas in Chihli Province and in other provinces have been inundated this their unusual burdens of min water to have been systematically violated by the sea, and the failure can be attributed ! conservancy work by Chinese oficialdom in the past. Ruthless deforestation, the haphazard erection by villagers of

> phetic warnings have been mide many, second place the outlet can death by resultant famine to he deves

world could not care. But as soon as Tientain is doomed and will coase to conditions ares enabling the gravity of exist as a port-periodical flood and famine plustions to while there might be differences of

and the interest of the officials. With each recent great disaster, there have been millions of dollars spent on relief! work, mostly contributed by foreigners, great, plans for preventive work have been made—but with the discinution of the distress effected Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, by the distribution of relief came collateral diminution in the desire for the undertaking of permanent preventive works. Plans have been allowed to become dust-covered in the limbo of forgotten things, and officials have lapsed into peaceful indifference of

So the Chihli floods have come again. of this it is certain that the Government will be forced to take action where hitherto it has been able to ignore the north-castward of Firmasis and claims of the common people. Because the flood waters have menaced Tientsin the great population in the valleys of the untrammeled rivers will have a chance at last of permanent protection. for the time has come when the Government must be compelled by foreign influence if rot by realization of the claims of the tax-paying people who have been ruined to undertake an effective scheme of censervancy, which will embrace all of the northern rivers at

> The disaster, which has involved Tientain, is due solely to the deforestation of the regions forming the watershed of the four or five rivers concentrating near Tientsin to use the channel of the Hai-lib river to the sea, and the unscientific dyking of the country through which they now. The main waterways concersed are the Peibo, the Humbo, the Tachingho, the Haishaiho, and the Yuho, or Grand Canal. The first four come from the uplands of western Chihli Province and Shansi Province. Thence they tear down the steep gradients. unrestrained by any plant growth, bringing with them millions of tors of sand and soil annually. This they distribute with lavish prodigality over tens of thousands of square miles at different times. The heavier detritus, such as stones and gravel, is deposited over the erstwhile fertile regions at the base of the mountains, the sand is carried over longer distances, and the silt is transferred in suspension for thousands of miles to the sea, on where the waters become stilled by dykes or obstructions, it is deposited on the land. This year in the Hainminton district of Manchuria the Lino River great areas, burying villages, and dovestating wide stretches of fertile lands. The rivers concentrating on Tientsin have inundated over fifteen thousand square miles, wiping out villages by the thousand and homes by the million, destroying crops estimated at a low figure to the total value of from \$70,000,000 to \$100,000,000, and homes calculated at only 83 silver such, to the value of \$30,000,000. This is an externely conservative estimate, for it does not take into consideration personal effects or farm property or animals. These items, added to the foreign loss of pro-perty and trade at Tientsin, must make the figures in the ultimate reckoning stupendous. Yet it is certain that the whole of the disaster could have been averted by intelligent processes, if

> applied in recent years only, for a sum totaling half of the damage caused to the Chinese farmers alone. How the harnessing of the recalcitrant streams is now to be effected is being considered by the engineers concerned in the protection of Tientsin, but unhappily the task presented to those competent to deal with the matter savors very much of slamming the stable door after the horse has taken to his beels. For some years now Mr Vander-veen, Consulting Engineer to the

TChinese National Conservancy Bureau, has been urging the Government to take in hand the problem of the Yuntingho-("ho" being the Chinese for River) since that river's activities in flood-time materially affects the procedure of several others, the Hunho and the Haiho (on which Tientsin is built) in particular. The Hunho has brought down sand and silt from the mountain west of Peking in such great quantities that it has raised its own bed in places some 20 feet above the surrounding country, and when breaks occur in the dyke it also raises the areas which it floods, the whole angmenting the seriousness of dyke breaks in the Yuntingho. To vercome the chief difficulties, and save the port of Tientsin from floods such as those now being experienced, Mr. Vanderveen recommended the Government to undertake work calculated to provide the Yuntingho with a separate outlet to the sea. At present it uses the Hai-ko, summer by the failure of river to carry which is incapable of carrying all the flood waters of the rivers pouring into it, and which must necessarily silt up in the enemy, it is worth considering to the lack of systematic attention to course of time, despite the dredging Conservancy Board, by the very fact that the ourush of detritus in times of hundreds of thousands of mile of dyke | heavy rains is overpowering. The without any scientific direction, the capacity of the Hai-ho is but one fifth of callous indifference of the governments that of the Yuntingho itself, so the of the past to the teachings of early salvantages of a new opening are obvious, flood lessons are solely responsible for . In the first place, as Mr. Vanderveen the great toll in lives, in property, and says in his report to the Government in in money, which the water are now 1916, which supplements a previous taking. The policy of previous general report in 1915, the Haiho will be freed tions of allowing posterity to take care from the enormous quantities of silt of itself is prolifically bearing its fruits | b.ought down at present, and the out delay. bar at the entrance, at present such No recent government can ecape res- a sevene hindrance to shipping, will, ponsibility for the disaster by pleading if it does not gradually disappear, lack of knowledge of conditions. Pro- | become much smaller. In the many times in the past decade by made sufficiently large to cope with the

responsible foreign engineers by foreign volume of water brought down by the residents in, or travellers though, the Youtingbo during freshets, and in addiaffected areas, and by writer of every tion the new course, leading as it would nationality whose eyes have sen, whose through the low country known as the The Government has informed the intelligences have been awakened, and French Marshes, or Tahotien, could be of the people whose homes and crops valuable agricultural land. If in the averting a disaster that it now has over vast areas have been buried feet meantime afforestation is taken in hand confront. deep in silt and sand in a night, as it the silt problem will, long before the At the instance of the Military Gover- were, and hundreds of thousands of new river bed has been raised too much, the engineers will combine no doubt to nor of Paris the Chamber is considering whom have been drowned or starved to have consed to exist and the Yuntingho find a solution, and in course of time tated regions:

any other river. In his concluding the Government which will embody the Before the railway system miched the paragraph. Mr. Vanderveen expressed results of their investigations and exthe opinion that only on the lines periences. In this way only can the disasters were little known to the outside suggested could the trouble of the rivers be dealt with, and we hope very world, and the area of suffering could be be averted. "Other methods may give soon to be able to publish the sense of resched only with difficulty. Losses of temporary relief," he pointed out, but their recommendations, and also The Chamber is also considering the millions of lives wont to be accepted as in the long run they will prove a failure report action on an adequate scale by prosecution of Deputy Loustnot, who is the inexprable law of nature operating and the same old problem will have to the Central Government. to regulate population in this land of he faced anew, after millions have been plural wives and prolific child birth, and spent in vain. Moreover the evil might when the outside world did not know of reach such proportions in the meantime the almost annual toll of live be outside that no -remedy will sexist. Then

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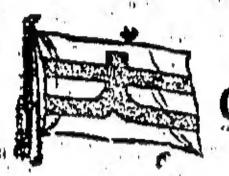
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No man in Europe is better qualified to speak of the effect of the great war on industry than Sir Robert Hadfield, who is not only at the head of one of the greatest industrial enterprises in the wor but who, it is not too much to say. I done more than any other living man for the war as it is conducted.

I asked him, when we were talking in the library of his house in Carlton House Terrace, what the war has meant to all industry.

England, in France, in Italy, developments have occurred which had been regarded as impossible. We know now that the Germans have no monopoly of the ability to be efficient. Germany had become a superstition. We had erected her 'efficiency' into a sort of idol which we bowled before and worshipped. Now we know that there is nothing Germany can' do, or ever has done, which England. America, France, and Italy cannot do as well or better.

Sheffield, gave me a German educational. training. Sir Joseph Jonas, then head of the firm, suggested that its steel mights sprofitably be sent to Germany. This J organisation formed in Germany, and eventually Krupp's bought this organism. tion. Thus I became associated with the

vast German concern. "For fifteen or sixteen years we worked together, and, they were admirable, straight-forward, and progressive; but they were not so very wonderful until about sixteen years ago: Then they went in for research. Anyone could have gone. in for research, but Krupp's didiso. Still. don't "give them credit for superhuman brains because they did so. They were driven to it. And it was easy for them, because they had the German Government behind them. Such a thing was

This takes us to the crux of the matter. GERMANT'S DESIGNS.

quite impossible in England or America.

"" The German Government certainly had an interest in Krupp's." It was look ing well shead. It had decided by any means but warfare. It was preparation for conquest, which energised Krupp's to research, and, indeed, energised all Germany to industrial, and scientific work, admirable in itself, but founded on a vicious thought."

"And see how Providence has worked in its 'mysterious way,'. We wanted only peace. They would not give us peace. And, lo!"the work they did has energised us here. Before the war criticised us rather fiercely. I was Mr & Mrs Jonckheer Mr and Mrs G. E Hadfield's employed six thousand men very glad he did so. That interview! Dr and Mrs Koch Wetton & children fields to Germany. Now we employ He said in it that the English working! . Lammert & child fifteen thousand men and are manufactur. | man was over-beered and underpaid. "He/ ing everything that we used to get from was quite right at least about the under-Germany. Germany has done; us this payment. The condition of the British great favour: after the end of the war. workman in the years before the war was; industrial England will produce 50 per very bad. The environment of a man is cent, more than when the war began, his home, much more than is his workand this despite the absence of the shop. If you improve either you will Mrs B. Almond many workers whom the war will have improve the man, but you will improve Drumd Mrs Asger Mrs McGee destroyed. Let us consider, rapidly, some him more quickly through improvement details of the processes of that improve- of the home than through improvement ment to which Germany has impelled of the workshop. I admit that I am Mr N. Budge Great Britain.

learning the lessons which some Ameri- at present surround them. cans learned long ago. At our plants we have reduced working hours, with that largely beneficial result which seems to be inevitable. In America the United States Steel Cos., and more especially Henry Ford, are among those who tried this method in advance of us and found it very good. We find that shorter hours make good men better and bring the medium workman up to something higher than the old-time average.

OPENING OUR EYES. " As some of us look back over recent men, devoted vary vital energy to the capation of great combines, each devised restrictions. On the other hand, it is as if for the purpose of preventing its snother proof that the amployer and the side from advancing. Had not Germany, workman are the same kind of human forced wer upon us we might have had good resson to feer for the future. For years our employers had made in earnest and successful fight against the forty-eight hour week. Now, under war conditions, when it is necessary that we should produce so a maximum, we have turned to it se s means to jout that end and find

it most efficient. The hostility of the men to various progressive things was se totalling as for instance, their opposition to labour saving machinery. Now they bave learned that the better the look the better the workman and the better the workman the better his pay of Ar intelligent workman should have more el-cooped in a constant ness to do labour which a machine could do we wall to desplay worker only

full value even in America, for if workers should be see proud to rank thressolves se machinery, employers should be conwise thus to rank them. All employers

have been doing so. HOLIDAYS FOR WORLMEN.

" For example, we (and you and all employers) give managers and clerks holidays with pay. All those in our Mr and Mrs H. A. Mr J. H. van G offices get two weeks rost each year as Baxter an invariable custom, ... That is as it Master Baxter should be. Office men and women earn Mrs E. R. Belilios their rest. They works much better if Mr H. J. Rell they have it. But how about the work. Mr C. D. J. Bell . man? He gets no vacation. He works Mr and Mrs D. M Mr H. E. Mastin harder than those on elerical staffs and more basically vital to the success of Mr and Mrs A. L. Mrs. Mitchall any enterprise. Yet such holidays as he. takes he is not paid for. I doubt if any industrial concern in the world gives its Mr and Mrs A. J. Mr E. L. Mystro. workmen holidays and paye them for their the steel industry which has made possible | rest-time. Not even Henry Ford does,

"The moment they put down their tools the workers' incomes stop. It not so with you or me; it is not so with Mr G. W. Chandler Miss E. Pencilla your stenographers or my book-keepers. Mrs R. R. Plunkett-Mr P. C. Potta. And it is silliness. No wonder, then, that revolutionary theories are growing Dr & Mrs J. Coronel Prichard Mr J. D. Courtney Mr E. H. Ray In every possible way the war has smong the workers. A holiday is essen- Mr.W. B. Davenport Miss E. Reay tial to every man's well-being. Probably Mme. E. Espalt the workman needs it far more than the Mr Norman Gibb proprietor. I am glad that I was never Mr.A. T. Gillespie Capt. A. Robinson party to a wage-reduction. Wages have Mr V. Goulbourn gone up in England, and with this Eng- Mr & Mrs J. Gould land has advanced. The war has raised British wages more than it has increased

Dritish cost of living. " So, with the shorter hours and batter wages, England, with all her fit men Mr Geo. Harris eliminated from her industrial machine, Mr D. Haskell is doing the best and biggest work of her Mr C. Henly ... life, because she is treating workers better than they have ever been treated in the past. If we treat them as well and even better when the best men come back from the Front, what shall we not accomplish then?

"Another reason why we are progressing so satisfactorily is that we have been. Miss E. Jacobsen standardising. If the war teaches us the Mrs M. Jolley I value of standardisation so thoroughly was done with great success through any that after peace comes the system remains Mr.S. Jorgenson a fixture with us, it will have done much for wages and much to pay for its Mr and Mrs M. R.M. S. T. Williamson

The average Eritish employer really wishes to be very just and very generous but he is in a groove, worn for him by his grandfather or an even carlier ancester. Many British workers do not realise the real humanity of British employers' aspirations, principally because in this country the two have a speaking. acquaintance, as it were, but do not appreciate or understand one another's special problems. A wall divides them. If the war breaks down this wall it will do much for England.

"Often I walk through our works, the Breakspear which cover eighty on ninety acres. I am never shown anything but courtesy. Talk about sullen British workmen rather angers me. Really, the British workman is the finest fellow in the world. When Dowbiggin he's sullen there's a reason for it. We Mr and Mrs J. Mrs Perrin goal, and it never thought to reach it must realise if, after the war ends, we i Elmore. are to take full advantage of our strength, Mr S. Evans that we are all the same sort of human Mr Denman Fuller Mr and Mrs beings, but that the workman, not the Mrs Garlick employer, is the producer and deserves Mr and Mrs B. A. Miss Skinner consideration as such. The employer M Hale makes production possible, and that must, Mr. and Mrs H. R. Smith

be remembered. Not so very long ago you printed here Mr and Mrs J. C. M. Smith in London and in the United States and Hurley interview with Edison, in which he Mr F. B. Jehnson Lt. Col John Ward and was content to leave many valuable made many Englishmen, stop to think i Mr and Mrs G. P. filled with wonder because men are as " English employers generally are decent as they are in the conditions which

FOOD AND DRINK. "When the war broke out it was no longer a question of the greatest number Mrs T. B. Culhane of hours for the least pay : it had become Mr.O. S. Duinker a question of the greatest output in the Mi-s Esnault shortest space of time. Experiment showed that the result which the safety of the nation urgently demanded could be obtained only by giving workers high pay, good quarters, the best tools. Perhaps the mest notable changes which were made generally were in the matter of food. The establishment of canteens industrial , history, the fact becomes in which proper food was furnished at apparent that in the pre-war days we in proper prices thrust up production.

is by no means entirely due to new legal beings. There are drunkards in every class. The proportion among working men will not be larger than, and may not be se large as, among the leigured classes after the worker gots a chance to

Another thing must be remembered. There are not so yery many places affrac. ties to you and me into which we can go to get a drink but almost overy one of the multitudinous drinking places the poor man is a far bester place than any other which is come to him. The answer to this problem is an obvious one. GENERALLY van admittang that what Theory said should drink smong the British workers THE ONE WAS LESS TO THE TOTAL COUNTY OF THE PARTY OF THE

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Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morean, Administrative Commandant.

STREET OTH.

Gunner T. M. Leitch was enrolled on 7.12.17 and posted to Artillery. Sergt. A. Whitelaw, Engineer Comthe Colony, dated 13th December, 1917. "Pte. E. F. Clayson, "A" Coy., is permitted to resign, on recommendation of Medical Boad, dated 6th December,

Ptc. E. M. Hazeland, "D" Coy., is permitted to resign, on recommendation of \* Medical Board, dated 11th December

TRANSFER. Fte. W. J. Tutcher, "B" Coy. transferred to "D" Company, dated Oth December, 1917.

Pte. P. D. Satherland, "B" Coy., is granted extension of leave from 7.12.17 Lo :31 6.18. Ptc. S. H. Dodwell, "B" Coy ... is granted I month's leave, from 12.12.17.

Reference Infantry Battalion orders dated 19.11.17, the special train will leave Bowlean on Friday, 14th December, 1917, 6.77 / ac. instead of at 8.25 p.m., A. for Kuwloon at 0.20 p.m.

A copy of all Company roll, showing sections to which N.C.Os and men are posted lias been issued to each N.C.O. and man in the Company. Anyone who has not received a copy should apply for one at the Orderly Room.

Orders for Artiflery Company by Capt J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D. At Belchers Battery.

"PARADES. ME. NDAY, 17th instant i-

7.30 a.m. Right Half Company D R.F. Chess only. 5. 15 p.m. Left Half Company D.R.F. Ciras only. TUESDAY, 18th instant:-

7.30 a.m. Right-Half Company. Full 5.15 p.m. Left Half Company. ? Full

THURSDAY, 20th instant :--7.30 a.m. Right Half Company (Gun. murabers other than specialists). 5.15 p.m. Left Half Company (Gun munibers other than specialists).

FRIDAY, 21st instant :-7.30 a.m. Right Half Company Layers' end Setters' class only. d.15 plm. Left Half Company Layers'

Setters' only. Orders for Engineer Company by, Captain W. Russell.

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Orders for Infantry Bettalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES. (For members of the Corps not in Campon the dates mentioned). MONDAY, 17th instant :-

5.10 p.m. Machine Gun Company Mos. 1 and 2 Detachments, at Kowloon Docks. M. G. drill, Dress, Clean Fatigue. TUESDAY, 18th instant :--

4.30 p.m. Mounted Section, Annual. Musketry Course, Part'2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Bange, Dress Drill order with pouches. WEDNESDAY, 19th instant :-

4.30 p.m. Mounted Section. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 8 and 9, at King's Park Range, Dress, Dril order with pouches. Note.—Unly men who have completed

Part 1, may fire Part 2. RECEDITS. (Those not attending Camp only). TUESDAY, 18th metant. 5.15 p.m. All units, except "D" Com-

Witchell, sergt. Oxberry and Corporal Grimes. Dress, Drill order. 5,15 p.m. Quarry Bay residents, at Troo Dock-"D" COMPANY. TUESDAY, 18th instant:-

5.15 p.m. Nos. 2 and 2 Sections, at Headquarters, under C. S. M. Cooke and Lance Sergis. Edmonds and Meade. Masketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches. THURSDAY, 20th instant. 4.3 "p.m. Recruits (joined since 1.9.17

at Kennedy Range. Musketry instruction. Grouping with miniature ammuni-tion. Dress, Drill order without rifles. Lance Sergts Edmonds and Mende will FRHAY, 21st instant.

5.15 p.m. No 4 Section, Beadquarter under C. S. M. Cooke and Lance Sergt Edmonds. Musketry instruction. Dress Drill order with pouches.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. Beard, J.E.W.

PARADES MONDAY, 17th instant :-5.15 p.m. Nos 1 and 2 Sections, at Hesequarters. 5.15 p.m. Buglers, at Headquarters. WEDNESDAY, 10th instant :-5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, at Kaumati Football Ground. 5.30 p.m. Bugiers at Yaumati Football 6.30 p.m. Gymossium, at St. Andrew's Caurch Hall

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Heart,-Ngau Sam ... Ib. 13 Hump, Salt-Ngan Kin ., 18 Beet,-Ngan Kenk...each 10 Kidneys, -Ngan Yiu ... Tail.-Ngan Mei .... ,; Liver,-Ngsu Kon... lb. 12 Tripe (undressed), Ngau To lb. 8

Calves' Head and Feet, -Ngau-tsaitan-keuk ... set, \$1.00 Mutton Chop, - Young Pel Kwst 1b. 26 Leg. - Yeung Pei ... ... .. Shoulder .- Yeung Shau .. 24 Saddle,-Yeung On Yuk ,, 16 Pig's Chitlings,-Chu Chong ...., Brains,-Chu No ..... per set Feet,-Chu Keuk ... ib. 14 Fry, Chu Chap ... ...

Head,-Chu Tau ... ... Heart,-Chu Sam ... each 10 Kidneys,-Chu Yiu... sach 10 .. Liver,--Chu Kou ... 1b. 30 Pork Chop,-Chu Pai Kwat .... Leg,-Chu Pei, ... ... Loin,-Chu Hau Tun ....

Fat or Lard, -Cha Yau ... 21 Sheep's Head and Feet, -Yeung. Tau Keuk... ... set 60 Heart - Young Sam ... each Kidneys,-Young Yiu each 12. Liver,-Yeung Kon ... lb.

Speking Pigs, to order,-Chu Taxi ... Suot, Beef,-Shang Ngan Yan ...... 29 Matton,-Shang Young You .. Veal,-Ngan Tsai Yuk... ... 20 Sausages,-Ngan Tsai Chenng

Nov1 ... lb. 20 Lard,-Chu Yau ... ...

Fish.

Barbel,-Ka Yu... ... Bream. Pin Yu... Canten Fresh Water Fish,-Hoi Sin Yu ,, "18 Carp,-Li Yu ... ... ... ... 17 Catfish,-Chik Yu ... in ... Codfish, -- Mun Yu ... ... ... Orabe,-Hai... ... see see see se Custle Fish,-Muk Yul ... ... Dale Sha Mang Yu ... ... ... Dace, -World Mei Lap ... .. " Dog Fish, - Tit To Sha ... ... 10 Eels, Conger,-Hoi Max ... 14 Fresh water, Tam Shui Yu .. 18 7 Tellow,-Wong Sin ... Froge, Tin Kaises ... ... Garoupe,-Shek Pan. Gudgeon,-Pak Kap Yu ... ... Herrings,-Tso Pak ... ... Halibat,-Cheung Kwan Kap.... Labrus,-Wong Ha Yu ... ...

Losob. Wu Yu ... ... ... ... ... Lobsters,-Lung Ha ... 29 Mackerel, -Chi Yu .... Monk Fish, Mong Yu Mullet -- Isai Yu. Oysters,-Shang Ho, ... ... ... Parrot Fish,-Kai Kung Yu ... .. 14 Porch,-Tau Lo .... 18 Pike, Fa Pau Fong ... ... 18 Plaice, Pan Yu... 16 Pomfret, Black,-Hak Choug ... ;-Rock Fish, Shek Kan Kung ... . 15 Roach ..... hun Yn .... ... ... 14

Pomfret, White, -Pak Chong... MR. Li HUN Wan, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European Officials and Dierchants in this Colony for ten year.

He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knewledge of Mandaria and Hakks.

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Poultry.

Chicken,-Kar Tsai Capone, Small, Jin Kai Capons, Large, Sin Kai ... Rogs, Hes. 1 si Tan (cooking) per doz. 17 . Da. (Web halls) # A.m. Eggs Hen. Kal. Ten (fresh) ... per doz. 24 De (Wes buib. 1. 2. ..... Touls Canton Kal ... ib. 35

Appearance. Eruptions. Healed by Cuticura. of which was the appearance of an itchy spot on my head. At times

Appeared as Itchy Spot: Had a

Apples, (California), - Kam Shan Ping Ko .. Bananas, (bride's), Macao, -San Houng Chiu .. Carambola, -Yeung To .... Coccanute, -Y > Tse ... each 10 Lemons, Chins,-Ling Mung... 1b. Lemons, America, -Karn Shane.

each 24

Lichees, Dried, (small stone). Lei Chi Kon lb. 28 Oranges, (Canton); "(Sweet)-Shan-shoog Tim Chang ... -Oranges, (Canton), ... ... ... Pears, (Canton), ooking, Sha Li , 10 Pessitte,-Fa Shang ... . ... 10 Persimmons, Large, Hung Tee .. 12

Plantain, -Tai Chin ... ... ... 03

Pumelo, Sism, -Taim Lo Yau ... each 11

Walnuts,-Hop To ... 15. ... 15. ... 14

Ling Mung ... 7 cach

Grapes, -Po Tai Tan ... 28

Vegetables, &c. Artichokes, -Ah Chi Chenk ...esch -Beaps, Sprout,-Nga Tsoi ... !b. '4 Long,-Tan Kok ... ... Beet Root, -Hung Tsoi Tau ... ,, Bitter Squash,-Ru Kwa ... Brinjals, Green,-Ching Yan Kwa ,. Red,—Hung Ke"... ... ,,

Cabbage Chinese, (common),-Kai Tsoi", Shangbai, - Ye Tsoi .... 16 Cane Shoots, bunch, -Kan Shon ... -Caulifower (Large), -Ye Tosi Falcach -

(Medium), (Small) Carrots, - Kam Shun .... Celery, Chinese, Tong Kan Isoi ... Chillies, Dried,-Kon Lat Chiu ,, 25 Red,-Hong Fa Chiu ... . 12

.... Green,-Ching Lat Chin .. 6 Curry Stuff, English,-Ka Li Chu Liu Cucumbers,-Ching Kwa ... each 2 Garlie,-Sun Tau ... Ib. 8 Ginger, yeang, -Sun Tse Keung .. Ginger, old,-Lo Kenng ... ... , 10 Horsersdish, Shanghai, - Lik Kan .. 45 Indian Corn,-Shuk Mai ... ... esch 06 Lettuce,-Yeung Shang Tsoi ...eich '1'

Water Chestnuts,-Ma Tai .... 1b. 5 Mandarin,-Kwai Lam Ma Tai ... 8 Mushrooms, Fresh, Shang Tso Ku lb. Onions, Bombay, - Young Chung Tau 1b. Onions, Green, Shang Chung lb. 5 Onions, Shanghai, Shoung-hoi

· Chung Tau ... 6 Parsley,—Kun Tsei 4... ... \$1.20 Potato, Sweet,-Fan Sha ... .. .. 3 Japanese, -Yat Pun Shu Tsai Ib. .. American,-Fa Kai Shu Tsai lb. 8 Pumpkin,-Tung Kwa ... lb. 3 Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tesi Rhubarb (Fresh),-Tai Wong .... 

Spinsch.-Yin Tsoi ... ... 4 Tomatoes,-Fan Ke ... ... Taros. - Wu Tau ... ... ... 4 Turnips, Punti, (Long), -Lo Pak ,, Vezetable Marrow, -Tait Kwa... . 5 Water Cress,-Sai Yeung Tsoi ... 15 , Lily root, Lin Ngan .... Yams,—Tai Shu ... ...

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, Documber 12, 1917. In London-Bank Wire On demand, ... ... 2/112 30 days' sight ... ... ...3/-Credits, 4 months sight, ....3/-1
Documentary, 4 months sight 3/1 On Paris-On demand, .... 4111 Credits, 4 months sight, ....426. Do New York-On demand. Credite, 60 days sight, ... On Bombay-On demand, ... ... no no por On Calcutta— On demand On Singapore-On demand, On Manile-On Bhanghai--On demand 30 days sight(private paper)..... In Yokobains-On demand Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) 44.20

Chinese Sub. Coin ... Hongkong Bub. Coin .... Temperature. Hongkring, December 13, 1917. AROMETER:

Sovereigns (Bank's huying rate) \$6.60 n.

Bar Saver in Hoagkong .... 24% p. nom.

Silver (per oz.)

Chinese Copper Cash ....

Chinese Copper Cents...

Rate of Native Interest

THE MONETER 9 A.M. E Park Comment

it had a watery appearance and quickly spread all over my head which became a mass of eruptions. I had

very little sleep and I had to cut my hair off.
"I was advised by one healed with Cuticura to try them. After using a box of Cuticura Ointment and a tablet of Soap I was healed." (Signed) Harry-Thompson, 4. New Lane Place, Leeds, Eng., June 10, 1916. Why not make these dragrant emollients your every-day toilet preparations?

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WEATHER REPORT.

December 13d. 12h. 10m .- No returns from Japan and Indo-China. Pressure has decreased slightly around the Formosa Channel, and increased slightly to moderately elsowhere; it apparently remains highest over Korea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total: since January 1st, 80.37 inches, against

an average of 82.43 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 14th December :--1.-Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, moderate; cloudy, rain.

Formors Channel: No winds. moderate. 3.—South court of China between Hongkeng and Lamucks: The same as Malabon Sugara. P. 30 \$36 sal

4.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan : The same as

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN HONGKONG.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Dec. 1917 :---Ends. Begins.

B.M.

.5.5∄ p.m.

Dec. 13th. 6 42 , 14th, n 15th, 6.43 5 53 , 17th, 6.43 18th, 6.44 , 21st, 6,45 23nd 5.56 23rd 24th 5.58 25th, 5.58

, 27th, \_ 28th 5.59 6.00 . 30th, \_ 31st 6.00 POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Parcel Post Services to British

East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces) and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Erithrea, French Someli Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russis have been suspended.

LUCAL AND REGULAR MAILS

OUTWARD. BUNDATE & WEEL-DAYS HOLIDAYS Tai O ... 5.00 P.M. Tai Po ... ... 10.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M. Cheang Chow ... 7.30 A.M. Shatankok, Shatin and Sheungahui ... 4.00 P.M. Aberdeen, Autau Ping Shan, Sai Kung Santin, Stanley. 4.30 P.M. Canton Samsui Regis. 5 P.M. Retters 6 P.M. 9.00 A.M. (7.15 A.M. Macao ... 1.30 P.M (6.00 P.M. Kongmoon ... Except

Sanmei ..... 5.00 P.M. Shamchun ..... [10,00 AM. 4,00 P.L. 18.00 A.M. FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN BRANCH P.O. POR WEEK-DAYS SUNDAYS &

Nameau and

Tung ..... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. Shek Ki..... 9.30 P.M. 2.30 P.M., 9.30 P.M. Kongracon .6.00 P.M. 6.03 P.M. . 6.00 P.M. William Powell ..... 87 264 m. Kamchuk ... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. Kankong ... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

In the care of Mails closing before 2 and Bog is tration chase at 5 o'cleck on the previous evening

SHARE REPORT. DECEMBER 13TH, 1917.

Approximate 11.50 A.M. Fern PR Cased Stock and paid up Lant Divisions. on la t Value. and data. TOAL'S BANKS Hongkong & Shat \$12 12600 sa. Interim of £2-3/- 1/0 MARINE INSUB-ANCES. Uantona ...... 50 \$205 s. final making \$25 a/c. 1915 and Interim of \$18 a/o 1916. Int. div. of 15 % - 15/-North Chinas EST. 115 b. st 3/8 5/18, \$4.25 per share a/c 1916 ..... Final of \$30 and bonus

of \$10 s/c 1915 and Interim of \$30 wg 1916 \_\$ 60 \$205 ex. 73 515 meking \$91 Yangtares .... 1915 and special of \$3 w account 1916 FIRE INSURANCES. Ohina Fires ----- 20 Stol b. \$7 and bound 49 for Hongkong Fire ... a ou \$310 \$27 for 1915 BHIPPING. Final of \$5 a/c 1916-1917. 19; pe \$1.25 for 1916 .....

Douglas Steamanton \$50\$79 a. Steamboata ..... 15 \$18 a. Indo-Chinas '-(Proferred): £5,\$33 b. Final of 3/- a/c 1916..... (Deterred) ... £5,8147} b. Final of 40 ate 1316, ... "Shell" Transports £1,112/- b. s/- final making 7/- s/c 1916 free of income tax Coupon 28 ..... "Star Forry " \_\_\_\_ 9 10 \$284 \$1.60 div. and 30 cents

to bonus for year onding 30-4-17...... REFINERIES Ch na Sugars ..... \$ (00 \$83 by \$12 for 1916 ...... 141 p.c. " P. 5 for 1915..... MINING. at div, of 1/- free of income tax, making 10% a/c 1916-1917 coupon 

l'in. 1 for 1416 8} p.e 1/- interim making 4/ Trough Mines ..... £1|26/a/c, 1915 Tral Casplans .........21 30/-Z for 1915 DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS. 3 % oz 1916 & bonus \$2 10 p.c/-Kowloon Wharves \$ 50,8901 b. H.K. & Whampon Docks ..... Interim of \$2} s c 1917 | 94 p s Tis. 9 for year ending Shanghal Docks . . 10 T 73 b. 30.4.17

HOTELS LANDS AND BUILDINGS Hongkong Hetels .. 5 5 296 h. \$3 a/c half year, ended 30-6-17. Cantral Estaces ....\$10 290 %. 87-a/c 1916..... Interim of \$34 s/c 1917. 7f p.c. Hongkong Lands ... \$100 \$90 sa. Humphroys Batanes \$ 10 45.75 50 cents for 1915 ....... 32 for 1916 ....

Kowloon Lands ... \$ 301230 West Points ..... 50,381 Interim of \$3 a/c 1917... Shanghai Lands T. 50 T. 79 s. % final making 12 % Me 1916 ...... 7+ pc COTTON MULLS.

Tis. 20 fer year ending 31 10 17 Tis. 6 div. a/c year ended Shanghai Cottons T. 50 T. 120 Kung Yik Tis. 0.90 for 1916 ...... Yangtanapoos T. 5 T. 6.80 b. Grientals. MISCRLLANEOUS. China-Borness ..... 12 854 b. 60 cts. or 1918......

Light & Powers ... \$ 5 33 b. p.c. for year ending cents for 1918 ...... Chins-Providents \$ 19.87.50 b. Dairy Farms ...... 6 \$25 b. \$2 for year ending Green Islands .... 71 7.50 s. 50 cents for 1918 Hongkong Blootries \$ 10 \$48 b.-\$21 a/c 1916/17 Bonus 61 p.c. 75 cents Hongkong Loss ..... \$ 21 \$150 \$2 interim a/c 1917 71 000 Hongkong Ropes ... \$ 10 \$20 ... 1 interim a/c 1917.... Interim of 9 % a/c 1917 91 pe 5.00 P.M. Hongrong Transvays ... \$61 a.

\$1 B/d Year 31-5-17....

60 cents for 1918/1314.

Poak Tramways ... \$ 10 882 a. do. (new) \$ 190 cents a. Z for IP16/1917 ... ∫7.30 A.M. Macao...... 7.30 A.M. B.30 A.M. (7.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M. Centon ... {7.30 A.R. 9.30 P.M. {7.30 A.M. Union Waterheats ... \$ \$12 b. 24 % fer 1916 ..... 70 cents for 1916

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